



PROBUS NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter of the Probuss Club of Wheelers Hill

July 2025 Volume 40 Folio 4

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to you all,

I hope everyone is keeping well and importantly, keeping warm.

Secretary Ian will be delivering to all Members, a copy of the recent standing Resolutions required, and to be adopted by our Probuss club. This has been discussed and approved at the Committee meeting last week. This is to then be voted on by members at the August General Meeting.

I thank **Tony Hills**, for the work he has put in to study, and then advise the Committee regarding any changes. We are fortunate to have Tony who has been involved for many years at Probuss, and has knowledge of the background legalities etc. Many thanks, Tony.

In my first months as President, I would also like to thank **Secretary Ian**, who has supported me, and with his knowledge of the duties and responsibilities required, does all the background paperwork that keeps our Probuss Club ticking along. This work goes unnoticed by most of us. Thank you, Ian, we do appreciate it.

Thank you also to **Doreen**, who, while being our Treasurer, has also been busy sourcing Tours and excursions.

- A trip to the **National Gallery to see the French Impressionists** has been selected. This is on AUGUST 28th.
- **Melbourne Airport** has been re-scheduled for OCTOBER 9th.
- A **Canberra 5-day trip** away from OCTOBER 27th to 31st.

Would love to see you all attending one, or all three. It's a good way to have longer time to get to know your fellow Probussians, and in a relaxed atmosphere. Thank you, Doreen, well done.

See you all Friday for the General Meeting, and please consider joining us at the Wheelers Hill Hotel afterwards for lunch.

Kindest regards,
Rose Randell
President



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1st – Aziz Albazzaz; 11th – Fred Egan;
16th – Marj Lampard (90);
24th – Laurie Fraser; 26th Carol Gaida;
31st - Carl Kelsen. 0258/

Probuss Club of Wheelers Hill Inc.

Reg. No. A15656M

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DUTY MONITORS for JULY

Door:	Graeme Little Peter Russell
Tables set up:	Committee Members
Tea Table:	Tina Gem
Coffee Table:	Anne Dunstone

Should a member be unable to attend on the above date, kindly inform **Noel Heather** on 0407 668 941.

NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY 11TH JULY, 10:00AM

The next meeting will be held in the **Meeting Room** at the **Wheelers Hill Library** on the corner of **Ferntree Gully** and **Jells Roads**. The library can be accessed from Ferntree Gully Road or from Jells Road (via Gallery Place). The meeting room is to the left of the door into the library space. You will see the Club sign and be greeted at the door.

Don't forget your **Name badge** and a **\$2 coin** for morning tea. Library staff request that we not seek entry to the venue prior to 9:30am.



Emergency Contacts Forms are available at the meeting if you wish to take one to fill in.

We appreciate the support of the **City of Monash** which meets the costs of our two meeting venues, and **Carina Garland MP** and her office personnel for printing the newsletter.

JUNE MEETING

President Rose welcomed 35 members. A warm welcome was also extended to our 5 visitors –**Carol Bjorkman, Pat Dixon, Petra** and **Jeff Dunemann**, and **Noeline Willenberg**.

BIRTHDAYS



Vice President Val Eldridge presented birthday chocolates to **Phil Rogers, Graeme Little** and...herself!

SPEAKER

DR JIM PARK

Trip to Patagonia and Antarctica

Our speaker for June was **Dr Jim Park**, who presented on a trip to Patagonia and Antarctica, parts of the world many of us may never see. Through words and photos he conveyed something of the scale and majesty of these parts of the world.

Barry Cronan thanked **Jim** for sharing his travel experiences in this fascinating part of the world.



Jim Park presenting on the trip of a lifetime.



Barry Cronan thanking speaker, Jim Park.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

July – Shane McClusky, Fire Rescue Victoria, Safety in the Home

August – Dr Barbara Minchington, Women of Little Lon

September – Darren Arnott, Prisoner of War Camp, Rowville

Colin Goodrem
IPP – Speakers

Some of the This month I have been in contact with a number of members, including **Tony Hough, Paula Slamet, Carol Gaida, Fay Dunn** and **Laurie Armstrong**.

If you, or another member is unwell, please let me or a member of the Committee know. If necessary, we can arrange transport for member who might have difficulty accessing club activities.

Anne Dunstone (0408365542)
Welfare Officer



We currently have **57** members.

We hope to induct new members in the near future and expect some visitors at the next meeting, so please make them feel welcome. Please help us to find new members to ensure the future of our club by following up friends and acquaintances. Tell them about Probus.

Updated contact details – Please advise me of any current, and future (as they occur), changes to your contact details.

Lost badges – If any member has lost their badge, please contact me and I will replace it at a cost of \$13.00.

Medical Record Card – For those members requiring one, I will have copies of the Medical Record Card at the next General Meeting.

Godfrey Gin
Membership Officer

*I asked my son to give me the phone book.
He laughed at me, called me a dinosaur and
gave me his iPhone...
So now the spider is dead, his iPhone is
broken, and my son isn't speaking to me!*

CHAT GROUP

The numbers attending the Chat Group meeting on 2nd June were a little down due to medical appointments and a cold morning.

topics discussed included the proposed Super tax on unearned income, the fragmented Victorian Liberal Party, youth violence with the ban on machetes and regulations around surrogacy.

Opinions on some subjects were varied but the meeting was enjoyed by all present. We would welcome any Probus members who would like to come along and participate.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 4th August 2025**, commencing at 10.00am (or earlier for coffee) in the Lounge at Mulgrave Country Club. **ALL WELCOME.**

Peter Russell
Convenor



*Thanks to **Paula** for this photo of fellow Chat Group participants, **Noel, David, Peter, Ian, Aziz, Graeme** and **Craig** in conversation.*

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Members are reminded that the Club offers the facility to carry your emergency contact information (2 contacts) in the hopefully unlikely event that you become ill or incapacitated during a Club meeting, or other approved activity, outing or trip.

We encourage you to take advantage of this facility for your own peace of mind.

Emergency Contact Forms can be collected from **Secretary Ian Wood**. Pick one up at a General Meeting. Forms are held by the Secretary and are accessible, if required, by members of the Committee of Management.

STROLLERS

Six members – **Paula, Len, Joan, Colin, Morris and Sheila** – braved the cold on **Friday 27 June**. All enjoyed walking around the lake adjacent to the Wheelers Hill Library and the hot coffee, cake and conversation afterwards.

The next Strollers exercise starts at the Table next to the Lake, near the Wheelers Hill Library at 10 am on **Friday 25 July**.

All members are welcome to come and enjoy exercise and coffee after the walk at the Wheelers Hill Shopping Centre.

Barry Cronan
For the Strollers



Paula, Len, Colin, Joan, Morris and Sheila
(behind the camera).

AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE THEM...

Liz Cunningham has kindly let us know that she has the following items available.

1. Indoor walker. Small basket and tray table makes it suitable for moving tea/coffee/food/books around the house.

2. A very solid chair. Arms on chair help getting up. Brand new – still in plastic. Has lift up seat/plastic insert which can convert it to a commode. It's called an **Easyglide Chair**. Padded armrest. It's a little too big to fit in my car, so will need to be picked up (Glen Waverley). - Liz

If you are interested, please contact Liz on 0411 204 992. (Thanks, Liz!)

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Coffee and conversation proved once again to be a good antidote to wintry weather and days inside. Eleven souls braved the cold at Café Verdi on **Monday 30th June** and were rewarded with good company and laughter.

Below from left are **Carol, Pam, Val, Morris, Len, Colin, Joan, Brenda, Janette** and **Sheila** (behind the camera). Len's brother, **Graeme**, joined us too; the photographer was too slow to catch him in a group photo, unfortunately.

All are welcome to join us on **Monday 28 July**.



OUTINGS AND EXCURSIONS



Badge reminder

A reminder to wear your name badge at all meetings, activities and outings.



Payment for Outings

If you normally prefer to pay any monies due via deposits to the Club Account, then please continue to do so. The Bank Account details are listed on the front page of the Newsletter. Make sure to include your **name** and **activity** when you make the transfer.

For those members who prefer to pay cash at meetings, please note that there will be **pre-printed envelopes** available on the Registration table at each monthly General Meeting. We suggest you take 2-3 envelopes so you can complete these at home with the correct amount and also save any queries or delays at the table.

Doreen Allison
Outings and Excursions Officer



"You put a round thing on a spinning plate with a needle and then you play with buttons and knobs ... only old people know how to do it!"

FINALLY! BLONDE MEN JOKES:

A blond man is in the bathroom and his wife shouts "Did you find the shampoo?" He answers "Yes but I'm not sure what to do...it's for dry hair and I just wet mine."

A blond man spots a letter on his doormat. It says on the envelope "DO NOT BEND". He spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.

A blond man shouts frantically into the phone "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only 2 minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" asks the doctor. "No!" he shouts, "this is her husband!"

It was fun being a baby boomer... until now.

Some of the artists of the 60's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate ageing Baby Boomers. They include:

Herman's Hermits - 'Mrs Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker'

Ringo Starr - 'I Get By With a Little Help From Depends'

The Bee Gees - 'How Can You Mend a Broken Hip'

Bobby Darin - 'Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' a Flash'

Roberta Flack - 'The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face'

Johnny Nash - 'I Can't See Clearly Now'

Paul Simon - 'Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver'

The Commodores - 'Once, Twice, Three Times to the Bathroom'

Procol Harum - 'A Whiter Shade of Hair'

Leo Sayer - 'You Make Me Feel Like Napping'

The Temptations - 'Papa's Got a Kidney Stone'

Abba - 'Denture Queen'

Tony Orlando - 'Knock 3 Times On The Ceiling If You Hear Me Fall'

Helen Reddy - 'I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore'

Leslie Gore - 'It's My Procedure, and I'll Cry If I Want To'

And my favourite:

Willie Nelson - 'On the Commode Again'



What's the difference between a literalist and a kleptomaniac...?

A literalist takes things literally.

A kleptomaniac takes things, literally.

YOU'RE GROWING OLDER WHEN...

*Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt,
doesn't work.
You feel like the night before and you know
you haven't been anywhere.
Your mind makes promises your body can't
keep.
You know the answers, but you've forgotten
the questions.
You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it
going.
Your back goes out more than you do.
You get your exercise acting as a pallbearer
at the funerals of the friends who exercised.*

ON THE OTHER HAND... GROWING OLD DISGRACEFULLY!

*As one of the 19th Century's most elegant
experts on the subject, Oscar O'Flahertie
Willis Wilde, wrote:*

*"One should never make one's debut with a
scandal.
One should reserve that to give an interest to
one's old age."*

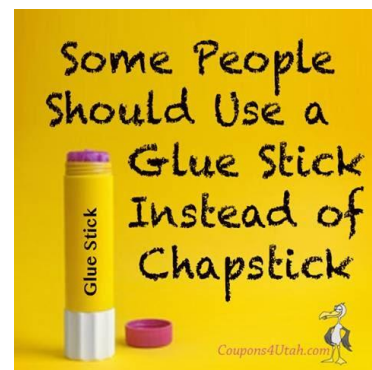
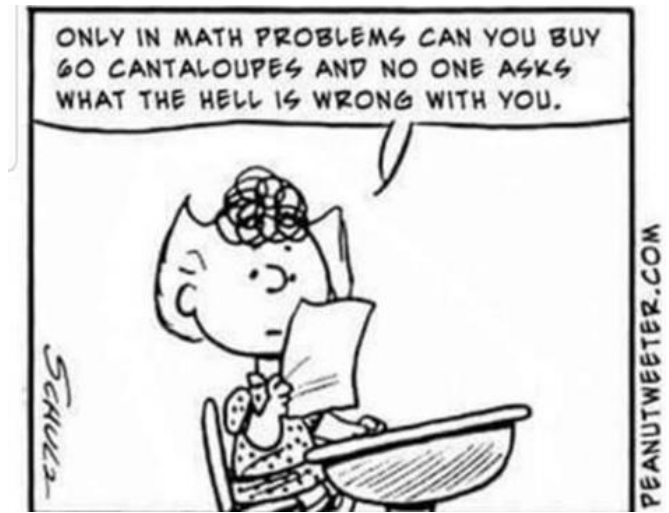


During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No," he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"



*My kids laugh because they think I'm
crazy.*

*I laugh because they don't know it's
hereditary.*

THANK YOU TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS

*Thank you to all who contribute to the
Newsletter, including **Doreen Allison,
Carole Carless, Barry Cronan, Anne
Dunstone, Graeme Findlay, Carol
Gaida, Tina Gem, Godfrey Gin, Colin
and Joan Goodrem, Noel Heather,
Marj Lampard, Robert Maslen, Rose
Randell, Peter Russell, Paula Slamet,
Craig Smedley, David West and Ian
Wood.***

Contributions to the Newsletter are welcomed.



Club Service Roster for 2025 - 2026

A	B	C	D	E
2025	Entrance door monitors for the group attendance record, and collection for Tea/ Coffee 2 DOLLAR donation PLEASE ARRIVE CLOSE TO 9:15/ 9:30	Arrange meeting tables & seating and later replace into store.... PLEASE ARRIVE CLOSE TO 9:30/ 9:45	Tea table- set up and serve at break then Deliver empty cups and load dish washer PLEASE ARRIVE CLOSE TO 9:30/ 9:45	Coffee table- set up and serve then Deliver empty cups and load dish washer PLEASE ARRIVE CLOSE TO 9:30/ 9:45
July	Graeme Little and Peter Russell	Committee members	Tina Gem	Anne Dunstone
August	Barry Cronan and George Simpson	Committee members	Doreen Hall	Pam Browns
September	Creagh Bown and David West	Committee members	Lorraine Mussett	Sheila Mallia
October	Laurie Fraser and Alan Guest	Committee members	Elizabeth Fraser	Jan Hills
November	Alan Morris and Alva Purkiss	Committee members	Pauline Coe	Marie Morris
December	CHRISTMAS LUNCH			
2026				
January	Aziz Abazzaz and Carl Kelsen	Committee members	Dawn Neuweck	Arlett Pat
February	Colin Goodrem and Barry Crittle	Committee members	Joan Goodrem	Sheila Mallia
March	Morris LePage and Tony Hills	Committee members	Anne Dunstone	Jan Hills
April	Tony Hough and Graeme Findlay	Committee members	Tina Gem	Elizabeth Fraser
May	Godfrey Gin and Ivor Stephens	Committee members	Carol Gaida	Carole Carless
June	Len Smart and Craig Smedley	Committee members	Jan Smart	Raelene Smedley

Should a member be unable to attend at the above date, kindly inform Noel Heather on 0407 668 941.... Thank you.

Instructions for Set-Up and Morning Tea are posted on the wall in the kitchen.

We are always grateful for the many members who arrive early for meetings to assist set-up.

Probus Club of Wheelers Hill

What's On 2025



July	Friday	11	General Meeting	10:00am, Wheelers Hill Library, Meeting Room
	Friday	25	Strollers	10:00am, Wheelers Hill Library lake, followed by coffee at Paul's Patisserie.
	Monday	28	Coffee and Conversation	10:00am, Café Verdi, Brandon Park S.C.
July/August Wine and Cheese to be confirmed.				
August	Friday	1	Committee Meeting	10:00am, Brandon Park Community Centre
	Monday	4	Chat Group	10:00am MCC Lounge area
	Friday	8	General Meeting	10:00am, Wheelers Hill Library, Meeting Room
	Friday	22	Strollers	10:00am, Wheelers Hill Library lake, followed by coffee at Paul's Patisserie.
	Monday	25	Coffee and Conversation	10:00am, Café Verdi, Brandon Park S.C.
	Thursday	28	National Gallery of Vitoria – French Impressionists	(Bus, Entry to exhibition and Lunch included.) Bookings essential.
September	Monday	1	Chat Group	10:00am MCC Lounge area
	Friday	5	Committee Meeting	10:00am, Brandon Park Community Centre
	Friday	12	General Meeting	10:00am, Wheelers Hill Library, Meeting Room
	Friday	19	Wine and Cheese	Details will be emailed to members.
	Friday	26	Strollers	10:00am, Wheelers Hill Library lake, followed by coffee at Paul's Patisserie.
	Monday	29	Coffee and Conversation	10:00am, Café Verdi, Brandon Park S.C.
October	19th – Airport Day Trip, 27th-31st – 5-day Canberra Trip			

NOTE: For **essential bookings**, sign on at the outings table, or book directly with Doreen.